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       established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[ ]   A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is
       enclosed.

[X]   No additional fee is required.

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2004. Please consider the

following remarks.

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